
Health Equity International/St. Boniface Hospital
Gala 2022

Journeys to Health



Six Stories
of Hope and Healing
and How You Can Help





WELCOME

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us for our 2022 Gala.

Within this booklet, you will meet just a few of the patients and staff who give life, and meaning, to our work. **It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of these journeys to health**, and to remain a constant during this time of tremendous instability in Haiti.

You are an essential part of each and every one of these journeys, too. From caring for survivors in the earthquake's aftermath to training the next generation of Haitian health professionals, **your support makes everything we do possible**.

This booklet contains examples of how you can continue to make a difference for our staff and patients. As escalating unrest continues to create an unprecedented humanitarian crisis in Haiti, our staff and patients need your support now more than ever. **Your gift, of any size**, will help strengthen our services and save more lives during this difficult time. Please consider making a gift today.

On behalf of all of our staff and patients, thank you for partnering with us during this challenging year.

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Conor Shapiro

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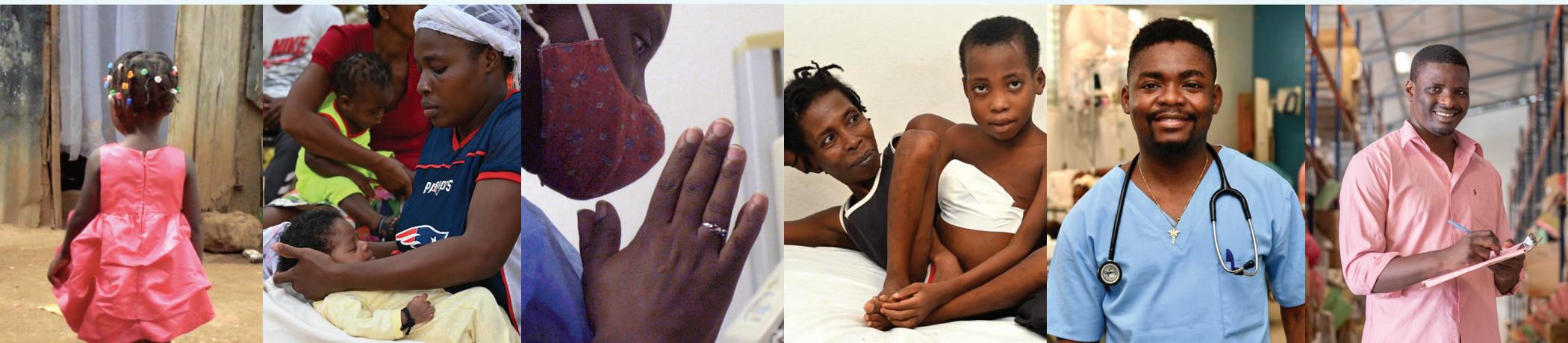
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“This is what it means to be a father.”

Rithna
2 years old | Maniche, Haiti

As told by Rithna’s father, Reginald

One year ago, I thought I was going to lose my daughter after she was injured in the earthquake. But I believe **St. Boniface saved the child’s life**. After three weeks of going to other places, holding on to hope, nothing changed. When I got to [SBH], it was almost too late. She was able to receive blood and be taken to the operating room.

I spent 20 days [with her] in Fond des Blancs. It had been impossible for the child to walk. Finally one day the nurse asked her to try placing her foot on the ground. She walked toward the door. **I realized that she could walk [again]**.

When we were released from the hospital, the nurse accompanied me on the bus. [Rithna’s] nurses provided her with barrettes for her hair, which she continues to wear to this day. She stills falls, and she still feels pain in her leg. **But I am so grateful for the care**. This is what it means to be a father.

**We first met Rithna in last year’s Journeys to Health booklet, shortly after she received orthopedic surgery at SBH. We are pleased to provide this update on her journey back to health.*



\$25,000

could fund one month of orthopedic surgeries for patients with traumatic injuries like Rithna’s. SBH is the only health care facility in the region with this critical service.

\$10,000

could provide three months of inpatient care and rehabilitative services for a patient recovering from traumatic injuries like Rithna’s.

\$5,000

could procure 20 new hospital beds for our emergency room, postoperative ward, and other departments, increasing our capacity to care for more patients.

Delivering Hope to Andremerne

Andremerne and Jean*
26 years old | Lièvre, Haiti

When the earthquake happened I was 4 months' pregnant... I was really scared because I was carrying a baby in my belly. When I learned there were doctors who had come to provide care, I rushed to come get care. **The medications I received at the mobile clinic helped me a lot.**

I had my baby at home and everything went well. I brought my baby to the [mobile clinic] for a check-up, to see if he has any problems and to get medicine for a flu he had. And I came for myself, too. **I'm truly happy we had the mobile clinic in Lièvre** because without it I would not have the opportunity to see a doctor with my child to know if his health is good.

**Not his real name*

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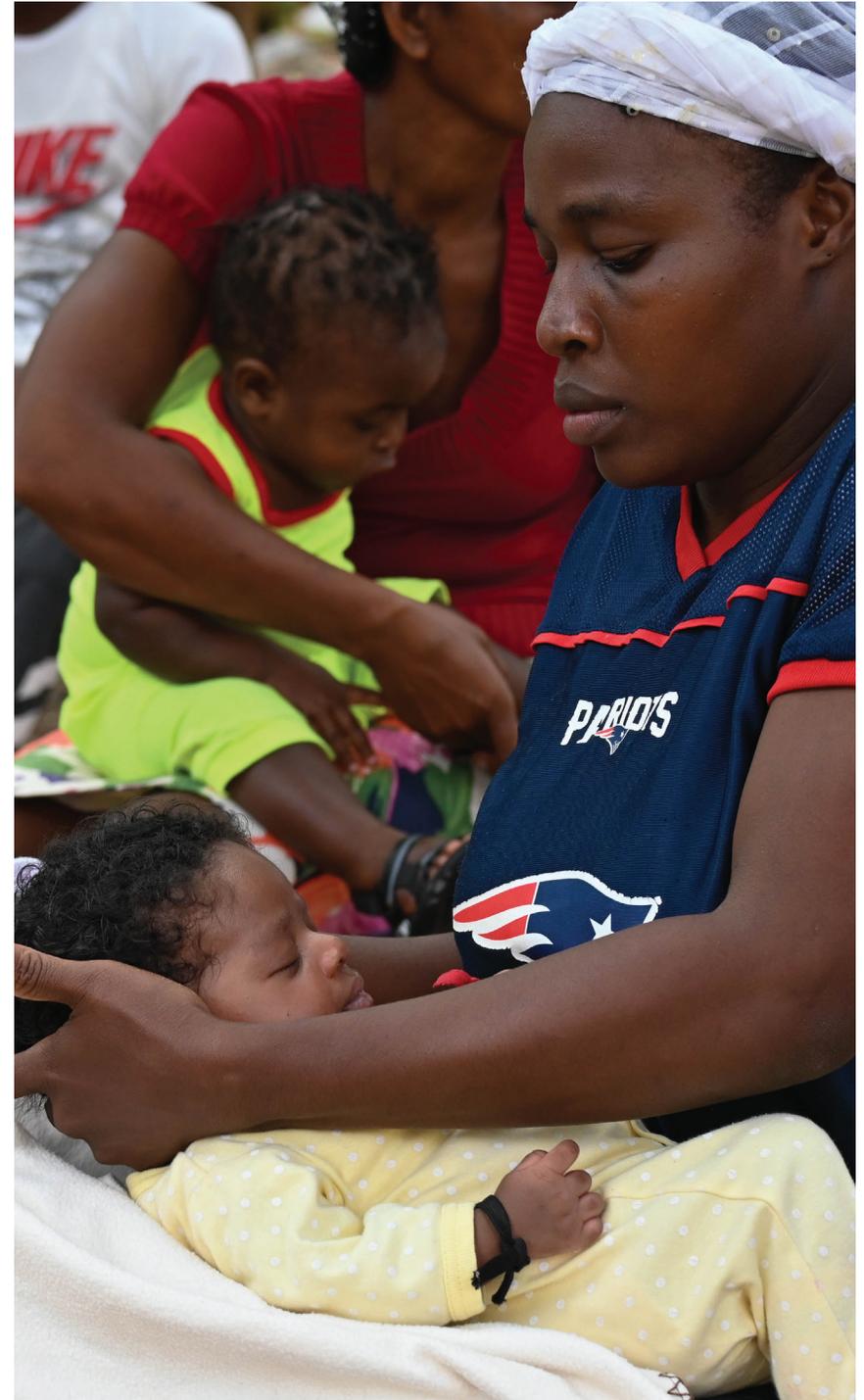
could help our team of community health workers provide education, vaccinations, and hospital referrals for the people they serve.

\$1,000

could vaccinate 3,000 children like Jean against preventable childhood illnesses, such as typhoid and diphtheria. With good health, children are better able to remain in school and obtain an education.

\$500

could provide prenatal checkups for 10 pregnant women like Andremerne. These are essential for identifying and treating potential complications early, before they become life-threatening.



Treating Princess like a Queen

Wedline and Princess Tiara
35 years old | Carrefour, Haiti

My baby is in the NICU at St. Boniface Hospital. I must say that **the level of specialized care that I receive here is superior** to what I have received in the past from other hospitals. This is because my child was premature. This facility has never failed to provide me with the care I need. The staff here respects me and takes proper care of me.

The culture here is very different from that of other hospitals. This type of service is not available anywhere else. You see, in many other hospitals, you are the one responsible for watching your child even when you paid for the service; you can only call the doctor if there's an emergency. **Here, the doctors are available day and night, for weeks and for months.** [My] baby is doing well. Everything has been excellent.

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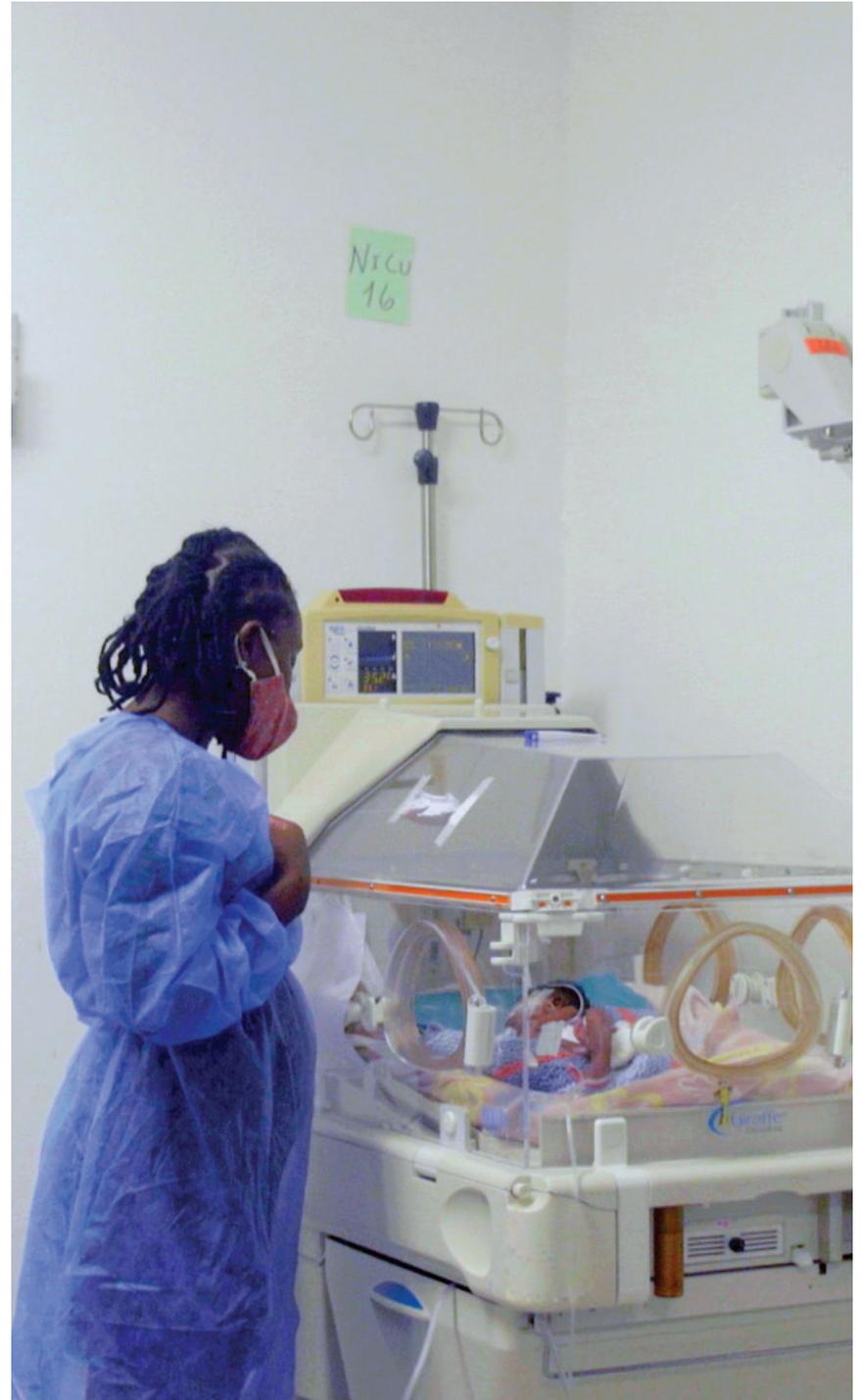
could run our NICU for one month. SBH has one of the only fully functional NICUs in Haiti. Here, infants like Princess Tiara receive the life-saving care they need to grow healthy and strong.

\$10,000

could fund 40 C-sections. Each year, these procedures save the lives of thousands of mothers and babies like Wedline and Princess Tiara.

\$1,000

could help support the mothers' waiting home at SBH. Here, women with complicated pregnancies have a safe place to stay with quick access to our maternal health services in the days before they give birth.



“I could have lost my youngest son.”

Vanel
14 years old | Roche à Bateaux, Haiti

As told by Vanel's mother, Dorcilia

Vanel was struggling to breathe and had an abscess in his mouth. His stomach became bloated and his feet were swollen. I decided to take him to [a hospital near our home]. That hospital had to transfer us to SBH.

When we arrived, they started taking care of him in the emergency room. They placed a drain to remove fluid from his lungs so he could breathe well, and put him on treatment. **Vanel breathes well and eats well now.** He is happy about returning home so he can go to school and play with his friends in the neighborhood.

Without SBH, I could have lost my youngest son.

\$25,000

could run our emergency room for two weeks, providing urgent care to an average of 25 patients like Vanel every day.

\$5,000

could help procure tools and replacement parts for our biomedical engineering repair program. With the proper resources, our technicians can ensure that life-saving medical equipment is in good working order at all times.

\$1,000

could fund critical pediatric supplies, including medications and specialized medical equipment and assistive devices scaled to fit young patients like Vanel.



Training the Next Generation

Angelot
Social Service Resident | St. Boniface Hospital

I have been working at the hospital since May [2022]. **I have learned a lot from SBH.** My collaboration with others has increased, and I have a greater sense of responsibility. SBH has spoiled me. Supplies and equipment are always available for the providers to enable them to give patients good-quality care, which is different from the way things are at other hospitals.

One of the things that makes me proud and happy with what I am doing is when a patient comes here without hope of living, **we do all we can**, and that patient returns home with a happy heart. It goes without saying that **SBH is the place all patients should come for care** because it has already proven itself in the health sector.

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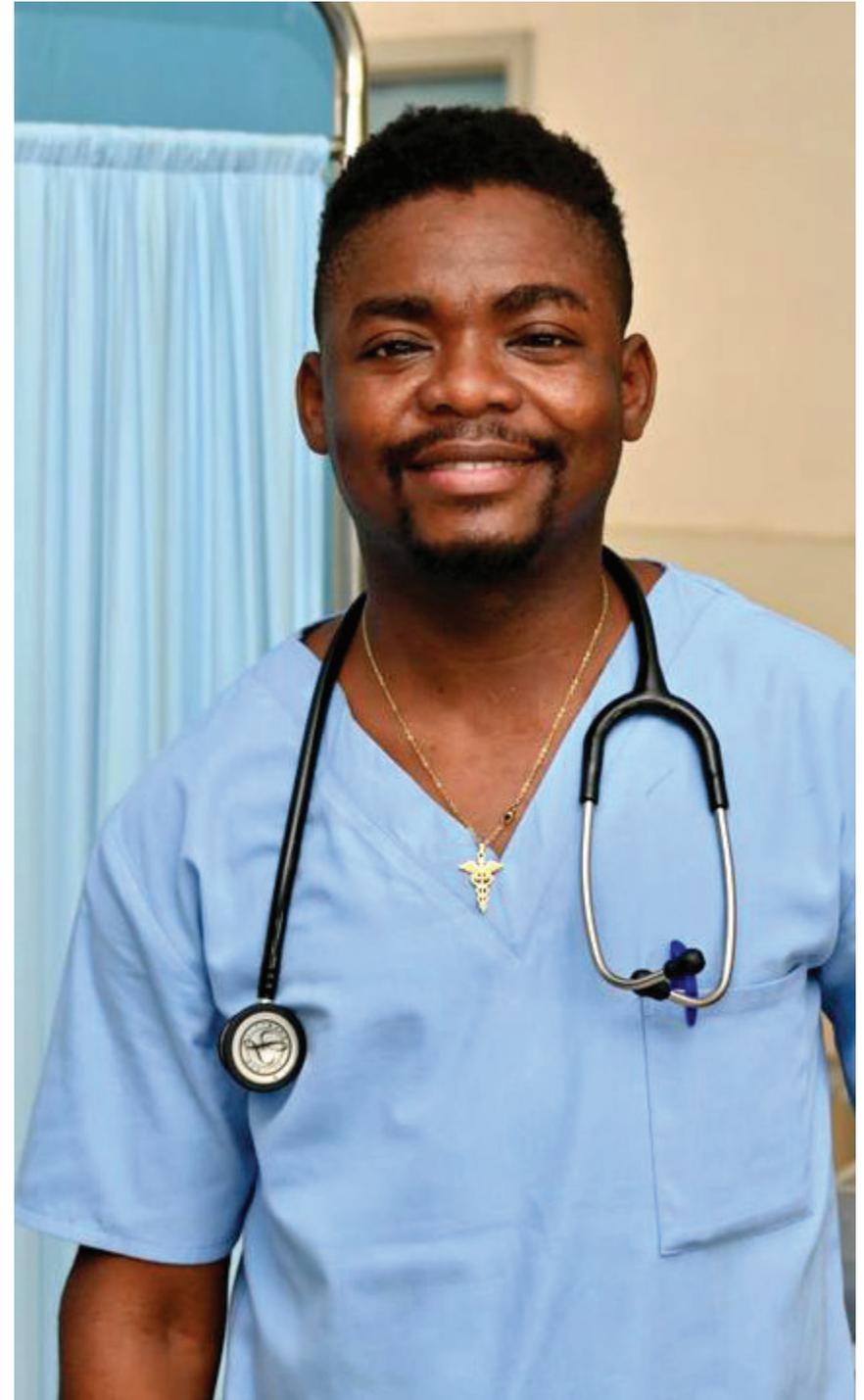
could support five medical residents like Angelot at SBH. Our training program helps newly minted clinicians to hone their skills and learn to treat many different kinds of patients and conditions.

\$5,000

could send an aspiring Haitian healthcare professional to nursing school, helping them pursue their dreams in medicine and give back to their communities.

\$1,000

could provide two professional development trainings for clinicians at SBH, keeping their skills sharp and ensuring they can incorporate the latest best practices into their work.



Proud to Serve

Samuel

Pharmacist and Procurement Specialist | St. Boniface Hospital

Immediately following the earthquake, my team was activated. As a result, **we were able to aid on that same day.** We sent several vehicles with first aid kits and medications for those injured by the earthquake. The fact that we were able to assist people made me proud.

Our sisters and brothers require good health care, and when they come to us, they should regain their health so that they may continue to work, to live, to educate their children, and to take care of their families, so that we may have a better country. Because I'm part of the system [at SBH], I'm useful to my country. **And that makes me very proud.**

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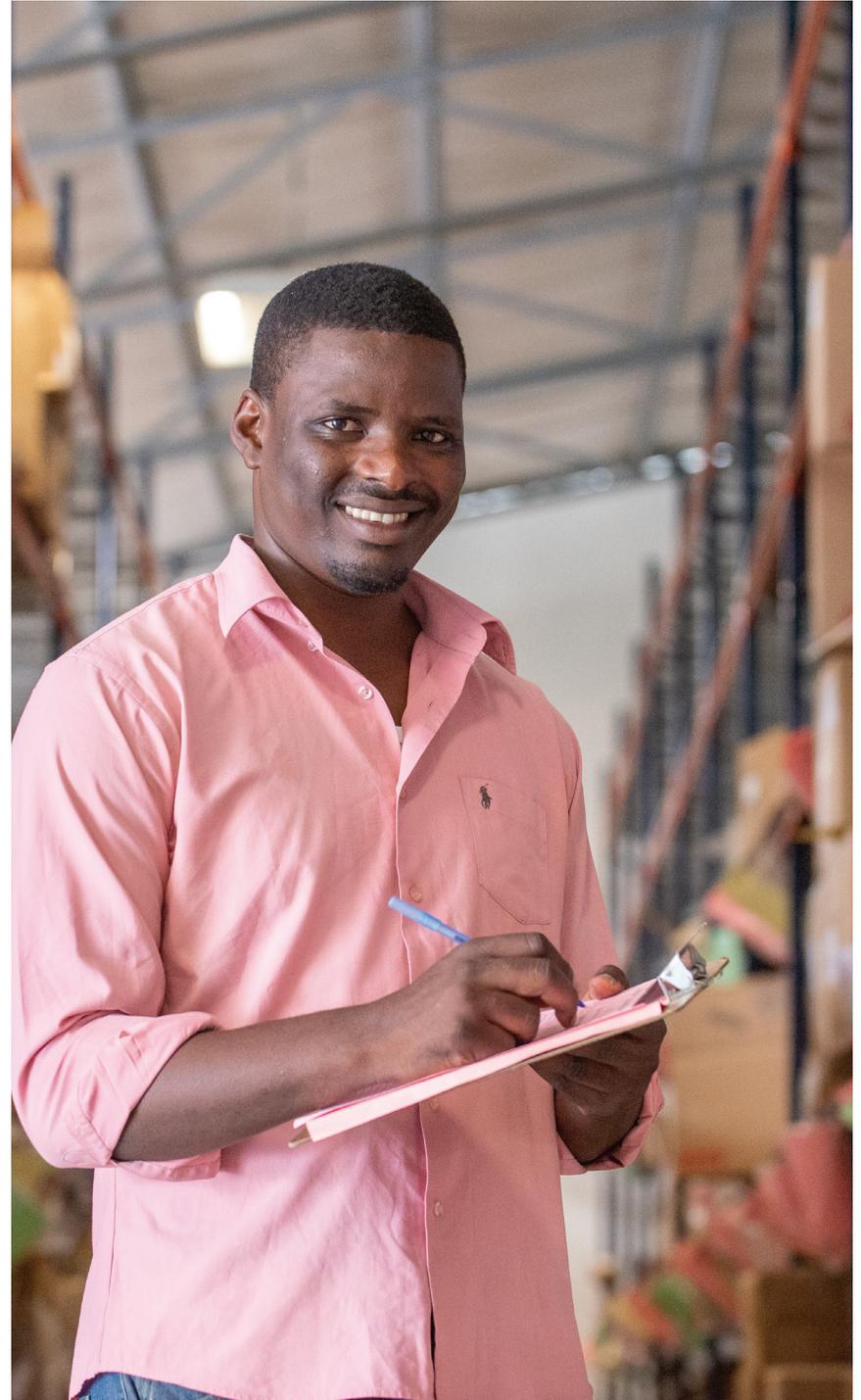
could supply the hospital with a year's worth of medical-grade oxygen, a life-saving therapy that has become increasingly difficult to procure in Haiti.

\$5,000

operates our fleet of ambulances for one month, enabling us to quickly transport critically ill or injured patients to SBH for care.

\$2,500

could help supply SBH with sustainable medical equipment and supplies. Procuring durable, high-quality equipment that can be sanitized, maintained, and reused many times increases our overall sustainability and helps greatly reduce medical waste, which is a systemic issue in Haiti.





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